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Dear Sirs:

Re: **AMENDMENT**
United States Patent Application No. 09/402,488
Filed: February 16, 2000
Title: Method For Cleavage of Fusion Proteins
Inventors: Maurice Moloney, Joenel Alcantara and Gijs van Rooijen
Group Art Unit: 1652
Examiner: D. Steadman

The present letter is further to the Advisory Action mailed December 19, 2002. Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview on January 30, 2003. Applicants are simultaneously submitting a petition for a three month extension of time rendering the due date for response February 22, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 13-16, 20, 25, 41, 42 and 44 as follows:

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